

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice. Kindly amend claims 1, 5, 10 and 13, and add new claims 14-18 as follows.

The present listing of claims will replace all prior listings, and versions, of claims in the instant application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A timepiece ~~such as a wristwatch~~ fitted with an alarm mechanism including a member able to produce an alarm signal at a predetermined moment, as well as a control device for providing visual information indicating whether the alarm mechanism is switched on or off, and simultaneously locking or releasing the alarm generator member, wherein the control device is activated by means of a push-button that acts on the control device via a column-wheel.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein the control device includes an alarm locking lever and a locking indicator lever.

5. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 4, wherein the column-wheel is formed of a ratchet wheel provided with teeth and columns made perpendicular to the ratchet wheel and the alarm locking lever includes an arm which, in the locked position of the alarm mechanism, immobilises the alarm generator member, and a beak, which can abut

against a column of the column-wheel or be situated between two ~~of said columns~~ of the column-wheel.

6. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 5, wherein the alarm locking lever includes a heel which, when the beak falls between two columns, abuts against another of said columns.

7. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 5, wherein the arm of the alarm locking lever immobilises the alarm generator member by abutting against a stop member secured to said alarm generator member.

8. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 6, wherein the arm of the alarm locking lever immobilises the alarm generator member by abutting against a stop member secured to said alarm generator member.

9. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 6, wherein the stop member is a pin.

10. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 4, wherein the locking indicator member bears a display symbol intended to appear facing an aperture arranged in a dial of the timepiece to indicate that the alarm mechanism is switched on, and includes a beak which can abut against a column of the column-wheel-(24) or be situated between two ~~of said columns~~ of the column-wheel.

11. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein the alarm generator member is formed by a hammer able to strike a gong.

12. (Original) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein the alarm generator member generates a silent alarm.

13. (Currently Amended) The timepiece according to claim 14~~3~~, wherein the push-button acts on the column-wheel via a control lever.

14. (NEW) A timepiece fitted with an alarm mechanism including a member able to produce an alarm signal at a predetermined moment, as well as a control device for providing visual information indicating whether the alarm mechanism is switched on or off, and simultaneously locking or releasing the alarm generator member, wherein the control device is activated by means of a push-button that acts on the control device via a column-wheel, wherein the column-wheel is formed of a ratchet wheel provided with teeth and columns made perpendicular to the ratchet wheel, the number of teeth of the ratchet wheel being double the number of the columns.

15. (NEW) The timepiece according to claim 14, wherein the timepiece is a wristwatch.

16. (NEW) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein the timepiece is a wristwatch.

17. (NEW) The timepiece according to claim 5, wherein the locking indicator member bears a display symbol intended to appear facing an aperture arranged in a dial of the timepiece to indicate that the alarm mechanism is switched on, and includes a beak which can abut against a column of the column-wheel or be situated between two of columns of the column-wheel.

18. (NEW) The timepiece according to claim 1, wherein the column-wheel is disposed to control movements of an alarm locking lever and a locking indicator lever.